



General Assembly

January Session, 2013

**Committee Bill No. 5333**

LCO No. 2522

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE BIENNIAL LICENSING OF DOGS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-338 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) Each owner or keeper of a dog of the age of six months or older,  
5 except dogs kept under a kennel license as provided in section 22-342,  
6 shall cause such dog to be licensed in the town clerk's office in the  
7 town where such dog is kept, on or before June thirtieth, [annually]  
8 biennially, or at such time as such dog becomes six months old, and  
9 [annually] biennially thereafter, on or before June thirtieth. The owner  
10 or keeper shall pay to such town clerk for such license the sum of  
11 [seven] fourteen dollars for each neutered male or spayed female dog  
12 and the sum of [twelve] twenty-four dollars for each unneutered male  
13 dog and each unspayed female dog, and [one] two additional [dollar]  
14 dollars in each case as the town clerk's fee for issuing a tag and license  
15 as provided in section 22-340. [Two] Four dollars from each license fee  
16 collected for a neutered or spayed dog shall be deposited into the

17 animal population control account, established under section 22-380g.  
18 If an owner or keeper of a dog fails to procure a license as required by  
19 this section, such owner or keeper shall pay the appropriate license fee  
20 specified in this section, the town clerk's fee and a penalty of one dollar  
21 for each month or fraction thereof the dog remains unlicensed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2013	22-338(a)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for the biennial licensing of dogs in order to have such licensing better coincide with rabies vaccination requirements and to save municipalities administrative costs in annually having to mail registration reminders to dog owners.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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